BOOTH A GO-BETWEEN

TESTIMON" THAT HE CARRIED MES-S C THE GAMBLERS. ACTEC CHIEF OF POLICE.

C EVIDENCE BEFORE SENSATI E INVESTIGATION.

Policy Sh _lourished Within Block of Central Station and Were Frequented by Minors-Reports Went Unheeded.

Witnesses examined yesterday before the senate committee sent here to investigate the record and conduct of the police department made sensational disclosures that kept the interest of all who were present up to fever heat during the entire day and caused subpoenaes to be issued for a score of other witnesses.

It was shown that John Booth, who for many years has been a city detective, had admitted carrying messages from the chief of police to the gamblers. It was shown that policy shops flourished within a block of the Central police station and were



WALTER WHITSETT, Ex-Police Sergeant, Who Gave Sensational Evidence of Bribery.

patronized by boys scarcely out of their blbs and tuckers. That open and notorious gambling had run for a year within a block of the Central police station with the Mr. Flynn has never declared himself to full knowledge of the department, and that complaints against the place had gone unheeded and warrants issued for the keepers had lain for weeks in the chief's office before being served, and that "tips" had ben given gamblers. That "cappers" for gambling houses worked unmolested on the streets and that gaming places were freuented by boys, who were assured that they would secure full protectio and that raids to be made on gambling houses were known in advance. That gambling houses that refused to divide profits with Ed Findley had been raided and forced to close, and that Findley's games had been practically

Not Cross-Examined. One of the surprising features of the in

speedily driven from the city. That officers

had been dismissed from the police force for political reasons and that the rules for

guidance of the department had been fla-

grantly violated and ignored by the com-

vestigation was the fact that Walter Whitsett, who was formerly sergeant of police, who swore to charges of bribery being made, was not cross-examined at all by the attorneys for the commissioners. It was openly charged that after the ap pointment of George M. Shelley as police commissioner he had been visited by a man

said to represent gamblers, who asked to whom the police money should be paid, and It was openly suggested that Mr. Shelley retired from the board because of differences that arose from the gambling question and its method of management. It was charged during the day that Jos

Shannon was coaching the witnesses for the city in the committee examination, and hurled back by Attorney Lyman that witnesses were kept out of the crowd ccause the city detectives were kept there to bully and scare them from testifying, Whether or not that is true, it is a fact that detectives are almost constantly in ceedings, and that Shannon was where he

It was also said that Charles Cole, the cigar dealer, who is said to have admitted paying police detectives sums of each to sent out of the city to prevent his testi-mony being taken by the committee. That effort will be abortive, however, it the re-port is true, because he has already been before the grand jury, and it is understood he told exactly what he knew of the pay-

Enough has been developed to damn the Enough has been developed to damn the partisan management of police from Jefferson City and lend a mighty imjectes to the charter amendment for home rule.

It is evident that when the house committee, attempted to insult Mayor Jones for telling what he knew, its opposition lent new life to the movement to investigate, as is shown in the pointed new evidence coming before the senate committee.

Officer McMillan the First Witness, Milton McMillan, who was an officer for six months, was the first witness called, and told of a policy game that was con-ducted at Twelith and Mulberry. The fact was reported by him to Sergeant Dunlop, and he was told that it was best not to know too much about gambling, and his job would last longer. Those, he said, were lumlep's exact words. He and Officer Dick Wright were sent there one Sunday in citi-

the city knew gambling was carried on at that place.

Later, when walking a beat on West Ninth street, he met Arthur Moses, who was Findley's map, who told him that he was running a game over Pendergast's saloon with half a dozen tables, and was doing a good business. While he had never taken part in the games, he had been in the place and knew gambling was carried on. Later he reported a case of gambling at Eleventh and Hickory, and reported it to Sergeant Casey, who suggested that he get evidence. He explained that all of the pecule knew him, and he would be unable to get in the game. He talked with Sergean Casey, who said if he let the games alone his pay would be just as great and his job last just as long. Nothing was done with the game. Warrensburg, Mo., Jan. 32.—(Special.)
Mrs. Melissa B. Henshaw, widow of exCounty Treasurer Joseph B. Henshaw, and
mether of Deputy Circuit Clerk William
Henshaw, died of cancer to-day. She was
one of Johnson county's best known women.

his job hast just as long. Nothing was done with the game.

The principal point in McMillan's testiment and one that justs the police department where an explanation is due, was in relation to an occurrence at police head-quarters just prior to the raid on the gambling house in the rear of Pendergust's salcon. He said while wasking Battle Row beat pear headquarters, he was called in one evening. He met Chief trwin, inspector Flahive and Sergeant Burk coming out of the chief's room. One of them made the remark: Camp Point, Ill., Jan. 20.—(Special.) Hon. Webster Davis, of Kamsas City, lectured here last night on the subject of "Good Citizenship" under the auspices of the Camp Point Lecture Association. His audience was very large and authorization.

"You'd better do it right away." Officer Charley Spend.

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Officer Charley Shead was called from the elephone room, and a whispered consulta-

INAUGURAL BALL SOUVENIR. One of the Most Benutiful and Artistic Ever Issued-All Engraved

on Steel.

ceived by the executive committee. It is a joint production of the bureau of engraving

will be given to each purchaser of a ticket. Tickets for the ball are now by for sale upon application to the com-

THE RECENT COLD WAVE.

Weather Bureau Issues a Special Bul-

letin Summarizing the Condi-

tions of Cold and Snow.

Washington, Jan. 30,-The weather bu

eau has issued a special bulletin covering

the features of the recent cold wave. The

cold in the Southern states has been re-

markable in its intensity, duration and

wide distribution, covering the whole Unit-

wide distribution, covering the whole Unit-ed States east of the Rocky mountains. Throughout the whole of the Lake region and the Ohio and Mississippi valleys the minimum was lower for several days than ever before recorded for the first decade of January. The conditions in the extreme South were also unusually severe. Follow-ing are some of the minimum temperatures occurring where the cold wave was most

ccurring where the cold wave was most

ronounced: Chicago, 20 below: Milwaukee and Sault

Chicago, 25 below, Milwaukee and Sauli Ste. Marle, 18; Indianapolis and Detroit 14; Cincinnati, 19; Pittsburg, 8; Tampa lowest was 20 degrees above; Jacksonville 22; Mobile and Charleston, 18; Augusta, 12 Raleigh, 19; Chattanooga, Charlotte and Atlanta, 8; Knowylle, 2

22: Mobile and Charleston, 18: Augusta, 12: Raleigh, 19: Charlanooga, Charlotte and Atlanta, 6: Knoxville, 2.

The hearlest snowfalls reported were 14 inches in Boston; 19 in New York, and 9 in Portland, Me.

BETWEEN FLYNN AND BARNES.

Ex-Governor Seny Withdraws From

the Race for the Okla-

homa Governorship.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) The

formal withdrawal of ex-Governor Seav

from the race for governor to-day on ac

count of ill health leaves only two candi-

e a candidate, over thirty of the Repub-can papers are demanding his appoint-ment, National Committeeman Asp and a

najority of the territorial committee favor

ilm, and petitions are being circulated all over the territory in his behalf. The bal-

ance of the Republican papers are for Mr. Barnes, the Kingfisher Free Press, ex-Gov-

nor Seay's home organ, coming out for m to-day. The original Mckinley men of

territory have headquarters open here

and a bureau actively at work in his be-haif, and within the past week the Terri-torial Union Veterans' League and a num-

of Grand Army posts im. The contest from this on promis

ICE WAR AT OTTAWA.

Privilege of Cutting on

the River.

Ottawa, Kas., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) An ice

war is on in this city. Captain Ransom.

the big ice man, claims to have rented the

privilege to cut all ice on the river within

the corporation limits, and other firms are fighting for possession. So far, Captain Hansom has succeeded in holding posses-sion, claiming previous lease, and has even gone so far as to string wires to hold dis-

p the ice so it cannot be used. At the ame time he has a force of men gathering

lice and it is feared by many that he will make his own prices to Ottawa customers next summer, as he will have no compe-

PINGREE'S POTATO SCHEME.

Commander Booth-Tucker Wants to

Introduce It Near New York

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 39.—Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, and

Consul Booth-Tucker, his wife, arrived here this afternoon. They are guests at

GENERAL A. J. SMITH DEAD.

Paralysis at His Home in

St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30 .- General A. J.

Smith, a voteran of two wars, who was

stricken with paralysis last Tuesday, died

t his home in this city, this afternoon,

aged \$2 years. He was born in Pennsyl-

vania and came of a fighting family, his

grandfather having been a general in the war of 1812. President Andrew Jackson sent him to West Point academy, from which be graduated in 1828. He soon rose to a first lieutenancy, and fought through the Mexican war. In 1861, he was appoint-ed major of cavalry.

Dropped Dead of Heart Disease,

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 20.—(Special.) Ben-jamin Mainzer, a wholesale liquor dealer, dropped dead to-day in his room in the Pape building. He was well known and rich. Heart disease was the cause.

Webster Davis as a Lecturer.

ience was very large and enthusiastic, and there was frequent applause.

Stamford, Conn., Jan. 38.—At the residence of Rev. Samuel Scoville, where his aged mother-in-law. Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, has been critically ill for some weeks, it was stated this afternoon that Mrs. Beecher is slowly failing.

and Other Cities.

tition in the business.

ducing poverty.

territory and set men to breaking

WHOLESALE MUNICIPAL CORRUP-Washington, Jan. 50.-The first copy of TION IN LOUISVILLE. the inaugural ball souvenir has been re-

and printing, and of a Philadelphia firm. ALL KINDS OF ROTTENNESS. All of the ngraving is on steel. The first page of the cover shows the pension building at night, brilliantly illuminated, and also the great court as it will appear on then light of the ball. In the right hand lower corner is the legend, in raised gold letters, "Inaugural Ball, March 4, 1897."
The second page contains steel contraits of

GRAND JURY ACCUSES OFFICIALS OF PROTECTING GAMBLING.

Bribery and Extortion Are Charged Against Others-Aldermen and Pelice Officials Among Those Indicted-Revelations Due to a Factionnl Fight.

letters, "Inaugural Ball, March 4, 187."
The second page contains steel portraits of McKinley and Hobart on either side of a female figure draped with the stars and stripes. Below are pictures of the south front of the White House and a northeast view of the capitol building. The third page contains the names of the officers and members of the languaral executive committee in color. On the fourth page is the American eagle, resting upon the shield, having on either side the coat of arms of the states of Ohlo and New Jersey. The last page of the cover shows the stars and stripes in color, rising above a mass of dark storm clouds.

As a whole, the souvenir is one of the most beautiful and artistic eyer issued. One will be given to each purchaser of a hall ticket. Tickets for the ball are now Louisville, Ky., Jan. 30.-The report of the January grand jury, made this afteroon, was hardly less sensational than had been promised. Such a shaking up as has resulted from its investigation of municipal affairs has never been known in the history of the city government. Fifteen indictments were returned, includng among the accused aldermen, polic officials, patrolmen, a contractor and several minor offenders. The charges range from neglect of duty in failing to prosecute gamblers to bribery and conspiracy o extert money.

ments are principally due to a falling out of the factions in the city government, and, while up to this time this faction that has opposed Mayor Todd has suffered most, it is probable that the next grand jury will have plenty of work in continuing the investigation, aided by those who have aleady been called upon to answer specific charges.

The persons indicted to-day are R. E. King, president of the board of aldermen. and ex-officio member of the sinking fund ommission; Aldermen J. E. Leatherman, R. O. Bruer, C, J. Jenno and John De Garmo; Night Chief of Police Major Seastian Guenther, Patrolmen Nicholas Varilla and Steve Condley; Contractor Drake, Charles Kremer, Jr., secretary of the board of public safety; Pat Ahearn, saloonkeeper; Harry Debo, fireman; William Kimball, Martin Donohue and John Gill.

King, Jenne and Leatherman are charged with running games of chance; one count in King's account also charges bribery. Drake, Leatherman and Breur are accused of conspiracy to extort money from con-tractors. It is related in substance how these three, Leatherman and Bruer being aldermen and Drake a contractor, combined to prevent any contracts being let unless contractor had first contributed to them by buying material from them at exorbitant prices. DeGarmo is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by eccepting \$25 for an appointment which he laimed to be in a position to secure. The indictment charging conspiracy against Kremer, Ahearn, Donahue, Debo and Kimball is the outcome of an attempt to have the law firm of Stone & Sudduth indicted on a charge of bribery, the latter having their accusers indicted for false swearing, Gunther is accused of falling to perform his duty as a police officer.

The grand jury in its report says that all cases brought before it could not be investi-

of the opinion that if these matters were investigated many more indictments would be returned and convictions had which would rid the community of the causes of many of the scandals concerning city and officials. That some persons holding high official positions have not been in dicted does not indicate that those inter ested are the only gullty ones in official positions. That the city is honeycombet with official corruption is the firm convic on of this jury, yet not enough eviden ould be procured to secure convictions in many cases to which the attention of the ury was called."

ry was called. The report asserts not only that gambling uld be suppressed legally, but that it is arried on by direct permission of city of icials.
Several of the persons indicted gave bond o-day for their appearance March 29. The varrants for the others will be held up intil Monday.

DOUBLE DENVER TRAGEDY.

Fred C. Riebe, a Fugitive From Justice, Shoots His Wife and Then Kills Himself.

Denver, Col., Jan. 30.-Fred C. Riebe aged 45 years, a fugitive from justice, shot and probably mortally wounded his wife, aged 37, at their home a t 338 Larimer street, this morning and then killed him-self. For six weeks Riebe has been living here this afternoon. They are guests at the home of Governor Pingree, and will hold services in various leading churches to-morrow. The commander is quite an enthusiastic heliever in the Pingree potato patch plan for relieving the poor. He hopes to see patches similar to those in this city started on a large scale in every city. He asks the governor-mayor to aid him in starting grand farming colonies of this character near New York and other metropolitan cities. Commander Tucker asserts that this will do much toward relieving the market of surplus labor and reducing poverty.

Mrs. Riebe was taken to the hospital. She will probably die.

FIGHT AT SCHOOL MEETING. Veteran of Two Wars a Victim of Several Persons Injured in Payne County, O. T., Two of Them

Probably Fatally. Perry, O. T., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) A terrible battle was fought in Elm Grove township, Payne county, at a school meeting Thursday, in which several were injured, two probably fatally. Some months ago the school board purchased desks for the school. The purchase was not sanctioned by a portion of the patrons and a meeting was held to discuss the matter. the Mexican war. In 1861, he was appointed uniter of cavalry.

During the civil war he was several times complimented for valor and at the lattle of Nashville won the tifle of brevet major general. In 1898 he was appointed colonel of the famous United States Seventh cavalry. In 1888 he resigned from the army and came to St. Louis. Four years later he was appointed postmaster of this city by President Grant and served until 1877, when he was elected city auditor. During the big railroad sirks he commanded the militia organized to protect the city. He served as city auditor for twelve years, resigning shortly after congress placed him on the list of retired army officers. was near to discuss the matter. In a speech Jesse Rains, a member of the board, cast reflections on some of the patrons in the district. Josiah Armitage resented the remarks and a fight ensued, in which a dozen participated. Armitage was almost cut to pieces and was immediately jailed, Reports say Rains cannot live. More trouble may result.

"SLIPPERY JACK" WILSON. Mystery of His Disappearance From

Norman, O. T., Recently, Partly Cleared Up. Wichita, Kus., Jan. 30.-(Special.) The mystery surrounding the disappearance of "Slippery Jack" Wilson from Norman, O. T., over two months ago, was partly cleared up to-day by the finding of his body in a pile of driftwood in the Cana dian river, west of that place. The head was nearly severed from the body, upon which were numerous other marks of violence. "Slippery Jack" had a quarrel with a man named Jackson shortly before his a man named Jackson shortly before he disappearance, and received serious it juries about the head. G. P. Ward to him home, estensibly to take care of hir and he has not been seen since. Jackso and Ward are under arrest,

RAILROADED TO PRISON.

Tramp Burglars Indicted at 4:30 O'clock and Sentenced to the

Penitentiary Before 6. Clinton, Mo., Jan. 39 .- (Special.) At Mont rose, Thursday night, the band room was robbed of two horns valued at \$50. Two tramps were caught in Appleton City Friday with the horns in their possession. They were brought here this forenoon. A special grand jury was summoned to meet at 4:30 this afternoon. They were indicted,

taken before Special Judge Alvin Haynie, where they plended guilty, and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary before 6 o'clock.

SLAIN BY HIS WIFE. He Attempted to Shoot Her, but She Was the Better Man of

the Two. Cleveland, O., Jan. 30,-Antonio Alvarez Spanish eigarmaker, died this evening in a hospital from the effects of a pistol wound inflicted by his wife last night. Alvarez was jealous of his wife. Last night he attempted to shoot her. She grasped the hand in which he held the pistol and turned the weapon toward him. Just then it was discharged, the ball entering Alva-rez' abdomen. The woman was arrested, but will probably not be prosecuted.

SHOCKING UTAH MURDER.

Man Kills His Wife on Her Sick Bed and Then Commits Sui-

Goshen, U., Jan. 30 .- A shocking murder took place here vesterday. Bartholomew Race shot and killed his wife while she was sick in bed, and then turned the weapon upon himself. His wife pleaded for her life, but the man, who had planned the nurder, would not listen to her protests. Nine children remain, the youngest of whom is only 4 days old.

The disclosures made in these indict- ED PERRY, AT AVA, MO., AND JAMES INKS, AT OREGON, MO.

WERE CONVICTED OF MURDER.

PERRY BUTCHERED THE SAWYER FAMILY LAST MAY.

Narrowly Escaped Lynching on Several Occasions-Inks Shot and Killed John Patterson on the Streets of Mound City, May 15, 1895.

Ava, Mo., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) Edward W. Perry, murderer of the Sawyer family, father, mother and son, one mile east of here, last May, was hanged here to-day



EDWARD W. PERRY.

Deputies Klinelein and Weaver. The execution was a success in every particular, and the murderer's neck was broken by the fall. In fourteen minutes after the trap was sprung, Drs. Peak and Balls pronounced him dead.

The butchery of the Sawyer family on their farm, near Ava, Douglass county, on Wednesday night, May 20, 1896, rivals in atrocity the murder of the Meeks family by the Taylor brothers. Not until Saturay evening after the murder were the bodies of the family found, in their house, under the bed. They were horribly

mutilated. Ernest Sawyer, the son, was about 24 years of age. From indications it was seen that he had been murdered in the stable and he had given the murderer a struggle for his life. He had been stabbed in the throat several times and also in the right breast. Both jaws were broken, and his face was beaten into an unrecognizable mass. He also had several gashes on his Young Sawyer and Perry had gone to the barn to see about the horses after the elder Sawyers had retired.

After making sure that the young man After making sure that the young man was dead, Perry returned to the house, where the boy's parents were in bed. He dealt Lafayette Sawyer a blow with an ax which crushed his skull, and the second blow scattered the brains of Mrs. Sawyer over the bed.

The bodies were piled under the bed in the corner of the cabin and covered with bed clothing and carpets, everything portable of value having been carried away by the murderer. Robbery was the motive for the crime.

Perry was captured near the scene of the rime. He confessed and was convicted, and narrowly escaped being lynched sev-

eral times.

Perry went to Douglas county about a year before the murder. His father, mother, two brothers and a sister live at Belleville, Kas. He was only 23. Oregon, Mo., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) James B.

Inks, the murderer of John Patterson, was hanged here at 8:52 o'clock this morning,



JAMES B. INKS

He died bravely and mounted the steps of the scaffold without a tremor. The prisoner became a professed Christian several months ago, and before he stepped on the trap read two passages from the Bible. Just before the trap was sprung, he bid the officers and spectators good-by, saying: I am going home."

Life was pronounced extinct in exactly fourteen and one-half minutes. The body was cut down at 9:22, having been hanging thirty minutes. The neck was not broken and death resulted from strangulation. Inks slept as soundly last night as any-one in the town, and at 7:20 o'clock this

norning partock of a hearty breakfast. When asked by the newspaper men if he lesired to make a statement, he replied that he had nothing to say. None of the relatives of the murderer was present at the jail this morning. His son-in-law, Walter Wade, and his son, Merritt, visited him yesterday. His wife and mother were pre-

MEEKS MURDERER IN A STEEL CELL AT HANFORD, CAL.

IDENTIFIED BY A MISSOURIAN.

TAKEN BY A POSSE OF LOCAL OF-FICERS ON A SHEEP RANCH.

DENIES THAT HE IS TAYLOR.

CALLS HIMSELF "RATTLESNAKE BILL"-CONFLICTING STORIES,

Sheriff Buckner Confident That His Prisoner Is the Much Wanted Missouri Murderer-A Lad Who Was With Taylor Also Arrested.

Hanford, Cal., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) Sheriff Buckner last night arrested at the Tulane lake ranch of E. Jacob, George Taylor, who is wanted in Carroll county, Mo., for the murder of Gus Meeks and family. Taylor was here Thursday looking for work, when he was identified by B. F. Lane, a witness against him on his trial in Missouri. Lane immediately notified Buckner, who learned that Taylor had left town to seek employment on the Jacob ranch, ten miles out.

Yesterday morning Buckner telephoned Taylor's description to the ranch and asked whether such a person had arrived. Receiving an affirmative reply, Buckner requested the foreman to hire Taylor, which he did, and Taylor was sent to a sheep camp three miles from headquarters.

Then Sheriff Buckner, accompanied by two deputies, left to capture Taylor. Proceeding to the camp cautiously, the officers planned so as to get within reaching distance of Taylor before he became aware of their presence. Taylor was warming himself before a fire when arrested and was given no opportunity to offer resist ance. He submitted quietly to being hand cuffed, and seemed to regard the affair as a huge joke. As corroborative of his guilt, however, he turned to Deputy Lane quickly and remarked:

"You are the smart kid detective who gave me away, are you?"

In response to an inquiry by Buckner he retorted that he knew Lane all right. Taylor was put into the wagon and driv en to town, where he was placed in a solid steel cell. A young man aged about 17, who says he came from Oregon with Taylor, was also arrested and is now in jail. On registering at the jail, Taylor gave his name as "Rattlesnake Bill," and refused to speak for publication.

He tells a number of contradictory stories as to where he came from, locating himself successively in Texas, British Culumbia, Montana and Oregon. Sheriff Buckner compared the photo-graph of Taylor which was sent him from

Missouri, with his prisoner this morning, nd feels positive that he has secured the right man. In appearance, Taylor is good looking, having the features of a girl, although considerably bronzed by exposure. He is of

medium height, with long, jet black hair reaching to his shoulders, and will converse fluently on any topic save his arrest, which he positively refuses to talk about, except Sheriff Buckner had Taylor photographed

this morning and has sent a photograph to the sheriff of Carroll county, Mo., who, should the identification prove correct, will at once send an officer here for the pris-The following telegram was sent to the

sheriff of Carroll county this morning, and so far remains unanswered: "Man arrested; 5 feet 6 inches; weight 141; age 28; dark, ruddy complexion, eyes

black; hair long, glossy black; has bullet hole in right arm." B. F. Lane, who recognized Taylor and caused his arrest, is a painter by trade who came here a year ago from Missouri. Lane says he thinks Taylor recognized him

when they met on the street here Thursday afternoon, although he gave no sign. When in irons, the arrested man recognized Lane and accused him of giving him away to the officers, adding with an oath that he knew Lane in Missouri, where they were boys together. Lane positively identified him as the murderer. Taylor.

cial dispatch from Hanford, Cal., says "George Taylor, the man who is wanted for the murder of the Mecks family, nea Browning, Mo., in May, 1894, was captured at this point yesterday by W. V. Buckner sheriff of Kings county, and his deputies, Andy Ayres and Howard McGinnis, B. F. Lane, a painter by trade, who came here twelve months ago from the town where the murder was committed, and who has known the whole Taylor family from boyhood, first sighted Taylor, alias Rattle-snake Bill, Thursday afternoon. Lane states that he imagines Taylor recognized him, but he gave no sign of recognition. Lane went immediately to Sheriff Buckner, who caused search to be made. The only fact he could elicit, however, was that Tay lor had made inquiries for the Jacob ran Telephone communication was immediately made with the foreman of the ranch, wh was instructed to keep a sharp lookout for the suspect.

"Friday morning a message was received from the foreman stating that the man described had been there at 11 o'clock, but that he had been dispatched to a sheer camp some distance away, where work was given him.

"Plans were made for his capture at supper time. One of the blacksmiths employed on the ranch was sent ahead to reconnot ter. He was instructed to wave a lighted amp above the cook house if Taylor was there. The blacksmith found Taylor at supper, and upon the signal being given the officers rushed in and took him as he stood in his shirt sleeves in front of his camp

"Taylor was unarmed, and made no resist-His capture was a clever combination of detective work and disguises. Lane who claimed to have known him from boy-hood, having changed his appearance and visited the sheep camp to see if the man it was proposed to arrest was really Taylor. Taylor refused to answer any questions put to him by reporters. He is in a ragged condition, but still has not the appearance of a tramp exposed to wind and weather. A boy who was with him, and who is held for what he may know, states that he and Taylor came down from Oregon recently."

Taylor came down from Oregon recently."

The crime for which George Taylor is wanted, and for which his brother "Bill" paid the death penalty last April, was one of the most atroclous in the criminal anais of the state of Missouri. On the night of May II, ISM, or early in the morning of the day following, these two brothers murdered in cold blood Gus Meeks, his wife, two little girls and baby. The crime occurred at a lonely spot on the road between Milan, in Sullivan county, and Browning, in Linn county. The Taylors, after shooting the Meeks family, beat their victims in-

to shapeless masses with stones, rivaling in the intensity of their heartless ferocity the deeds of savages. The Meeks family had set cut from Milan to Browning in a wagon with the Taylors, and after the murder the bodles were thrown into the wagon and taken to George Taylor's farm, where they were hidden in a stack of straw. Nellie Meeks, 9 years old, was to have been numbered among the victims, but she outlived the crushing blows made upon her head and body, and in the gray dawn dragged herself over the dew-sprinkled ground to the home of Mr. John Carter, who lived on a farm two miles from Browning. Nellie's nuburn hair was matted with blood, and she told in stifled sobs the frightful fate of her parents and her sisters.

the frightful fate of her parents and her sisters.

The alarm was given and angry farmers began to congregate near the scene of the crime. The Taylors mounted horses and fled. Posses were hastily organized and the search began. Bloodhounds were brought into requisition and the murderers were followed into Arkansas. They evaded arrest until June 20, 1894, when they were captured at Mountain Home, Ark., by Jerry South, a town marshal.

The Taylors were taken to Macon, Mo., and placed in jail. it was thought they would be taken to Brookfield, Mo., and on the night of June 24 a masked mob of 2,000 men gathered to lynch them. When the mob learned that the Taylors were at Macon, it started there at once, but the sheriff heard of its intention and took the prisoners to St. Joseph, where they were kept until public indignation had subsided, when they were taken to Carrollton for trial, on a change of venue.

The Taylors had plenty of money, and

trial, on a change of venue.

The Taylors had plenty of money, and were represented by eight lawyers. More than 200 witnesses were examined. Their trial began March 28, 1885, and ended in a disagreed jury. The Taylors made no defense, and it was asserted that jurors were bribed. Several were arrested, convicted bribed. Several were arrested, convicted and sentenced. Others left the state. The second trial began in July, and at 11 o'clock



ou the night of August 19 a verdict of murder in the first degree was returned. The
Judge sentenced the brothers to be hanged
October 4, 1825. An appeal to the supreme
court was taken, and the decision of the
lower court was affirmed, the supreme
court resetting the date to April 30, 1896.
At 8:20, on the night of Saturday, April
11, the 3-year-old daughter of Deputy
Sheriff Cummings discovered two men on
the roof of the jall. She raised the alarm
and Deputy Sheriff Sheiton ran around the
building just as "Bill" Taylor slid down a
rope. The deputy grabbed him and "Bill"
surrendered. He called out:
"You might as well come down, George."
Shelton thought Bill was trying to throw
him off the track and he sent out search-

him off the track and he sent out search-ing partles, while George crouched behind the chimney and later made his escape. That was the last time he was seen. That was the last time he was seen.
Bill Taylor was brought to Kansas City
the following Monday and kept in the
county jail here until the morning of April
29, when's he was taken under heavy guard
to Carrollton and hanged the following
day at 11 o'clock. Among the interested
spectators of the execution was the aged
mother of Gus Meeks, Her son, a blind
man, was also there, and he offered \$50

o be allowed to put the rope around Tayor's neck.

Taylor died like a stoic. He preserved a marvelous nerve up to the last and pro-tested his innocence at the scaffold steps. Long after his execution, the scaffold was kept standing, waiting to squeeze out the life of George Taylor, but finally the sher-

iff of Carroll county became convinced that George would never be captured and he had the scaffold removed. nau the scanoid removed.

Bill died believing that George would never be recaptured. He told the writer the morning he left the county jail to go to his death at Carrollton that "George would never be taken alive. He will kill himself first."

himself first."

The description of the man under arrest at Hanford, Cal., tailles with that of George Taylor, excepting the bullet hole in the arm. That is a mark, however, that Mr. Taylor probably has had abundant opportunity to acquire since he left Missouri.

WILSON FOR AGRICULTURE. Iowa Ex-Congressman, Now Professo of Agriculture at Ames, May

Succeed Morton. Canton, O., Jan. 30 .- Hon. James E. Wilson, of Iowa, who has been here since yesterday for a conference with Major Me Kinley, left at 10:30 o'clock for his home. When seen at Fort Wayne station he was very reticent in his talk, but it was not difficult to infer from his remarks that he is more than a cabinet possibility, and may accept the agricultural portfolio said that the fact that an Illinois man i already in the cabinet would not preclude a member of the official family from being a member of the official family from being chosen from his state or section of the country. Mr. Wilson is professor of agriculture in the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames, and, since 1831, has been director of the experiment station there. He is of Scotch birth, but has been a resident of Iowa for forty-one years. He was for six years a member of the Iowa legislature and served in the Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-eighth congresses. He was a railroad commissioner in 1832, in the interim of his congressional career between the Forty-fourth and Forty-eighth congresses. Mr. Wilson was speaker of the Iowa house from 1872 to 1874. In congress, he was known as "the whip" or "pairmaster," and became a very popular member.

ber. He is the foremost representative of the farming interests of his state, and is well and favorably known in the agricultural

THATCHER NEAR VICTORY.

Lacked but Three Votes Yesterday of Being Elected Senator From Utah. Salt Lake, U., Jan. 30.-This has been an

exciting day in the senatorial contest. Five ballots were taken, the last being the forballots were taken, the last being the forty-second ballot of the joint assembly, without any choice. The assembly then took a recess to 3 p. m. Thatcher started to-day with an increase of five votes on the first ballot (four of them Popullats), and gathered strength on each of the following ballots until he had a total of 28 votes, within three votes of election, as there were only sixty members voting. In the afternoon session, the opposition to Thatcher resorted to filibustering tactics to gain time, finally succeeding in forcing an adjournment until Monday, due partly, it is thought, to a misapprehension of some of the members as to what they were voting for. It is almost certain another ballot of the menners as to what a re-ing for. It is almost certain another ballot this afternoon would have elected Thatch-er. The Thatcher men are making every effort to hold their strength, which his opponents claim has reached the limit.

Road Improvement in Sight.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 30.—(Special.) The mass meeting of farmers to consider the question of good roads was held to-day. The object of the meeting was to induce the county court to set aside two-thirds of the revenue derived from the dramshop il-cuse tax for the improvement of roads. This will likely be done, and an era of general road improvement will soon follow.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—The Nebraska relief commission met at the governor's office to-day and authorized Governor Holcomb to offer aid to Chicago and India. The governor is to communicate with the mayor of Chicago and the treasurer of the Indian relief fund at San Francisco. The offer of aid is unlimited.

GRAND JURY RETURNS SEVENTY-SIX INDICTMENTS FOR GAMBLING.

OLDHAM, BLILER AND BIBBS.

HAVE BEEN ENTANGLED IN THE GRAND JURY'S DRAGNET.

Scheme to Stop the Investigation After Findley and His Men Were Indicted Frustrated by the Journal's Demand for

Suppression of

Gambling.

The grand jury, which has been in session four weeks, finished its work at 3 o'clock vesterday afternoon and was discharged. Seventy-six indictments were returned yesterday, mostly against gamblers, and a written report was made to Judge Wofford Capiases, based upon the indictments, were at once delivered to Marsual Chiles, who began making arrests. Of the seventy-

six indicted twelve were arrested. They ire as follows: BOOTH BAUGHMAN. EDWARD McGUIRE. "SANDY" EDWARDS. CHARLES OLDHAM. L. M. BLILER, W. S. BIBBS.

C. R. CARDWELL C. FINDLEY. SAM JARBOE. -. -. CAREY. W. S. MALTBY WILLIAM EDWARDS.

With the exception of Edward McGuire, all of the men arrested are charged with setting up and maintaining gambling devices. McGuire was arrested for selling lottery tickets. The men gave bond before Judge Wofford with Monday, when they will all appear in the criminal court and The arrest of Oliham, Bliler, Bibbs,

Cardwell and Maltby means that the state is going to wage warfare on the "dynamite" bucket shop. For a long time these places have enjoyed immunity from the authorities and have established themselves in large rooms that are crowded daily and nightly by men and boys who try to beat the fictitious quotations. The promotors of these games were known among the Findleyites as "the other among them, in which pistols have played as prominent a part as fists and inflammatory language.

It was said at the jail at midnight that there would be no further arrests on capiases until Monday, when the rest of the gamblers will be brought in. It was given out last night that every seller of lottery tickets in Kansas City who had been operating up to one month ago had been indicted. It is believed that there are two or three indictments in the lot that will create a sensation when capiases are served under them.

The returning of this second batch of indictments against gamblers, most of whom belong to the Bliler-Oldham gang, is a vicbelong to the Biller-Oldnam gang, is a vis-tory for the Journal. It was apparent that the intention of the prosecuting autorney and the men behind him was simply to in-dict Ed Findley and the members of his gang of policy and the members of his gang of policy and the men angaged in running poker rooms, pool rooms and "dynamite" shops, who belong it the other gambling clan. It was also apparent that the members of the grand jury were not

"dynamite" shops, who belong is the other gambling clan. It was also apparent that the members of the grand jury were not aware of the existence of gambling rooms not controlled or operated by Findley and his associates.

When the grand jury returned indictments against the members of the Findley gang the Journal commended its members, and at the same time insisted that the investigation should not stop until all gamblers in Kansas City were indicted. The Journal simply desired to conserve the public good. Political bosses and the bosses of the other gambling gang, together with their newspaper organs, did not want the investigation to extend beyond Findley and his gang. They cared nothing about crushing the gambling hydra, but desired to raise a great outcry that would result in preventing the confirmation of Commissioners Fyke and Johnson, and would enable them to fill their places with two men who would deprive Chief Julian of his office and give it to a man of their selection.

The purpose of the bosses of the Shannon-O'Neili faction of the Kansas City and Jackson county Democracy and of the Filler-Oldham gang of gamblers was known to the Journal a long time ago. In its issue of November 2, 1896, a few days after the last election, the Journal contained an article in the first and second columns of the first page which bore these headlines:

TO BE DECAPITATED. Men Whom the Gang Intends to Oust

POLICE COMMISSIONERS TO GO.

Chief Irwin and Inspector Flahive Must Then Step Out. TO REORGANIZE THE POLICE FORCE. Ex-Inspector Con Murphy to Be Made Chief of Police.

Fred W. Fleming Must Vacate the Office of Coal Oil Inspector—Ed Findley Will Be Driven Out of Town—Shan-non Will Take Charge of Gambling.

In that article it was said: "There are indications of trouble in the local Democratic camp. Having won a victory at the polls, the gangsters, led by Joe Shannon, are determined to punish the followers of Governor William J. Stone, whom they accuse of a display of lukewarmness, if not open hostility, during the heat of the late campaign. They argue that a machine is a necessity in conducting their peculiar style of political contests, and lest they should find themselves weakened when the next campaign opens, they propose to gain

men off the police board within a month after Mr. Stephens is inaugurated governor. With two other men of their own checking appointed police commissioners, the Shannonites will then proceed to recorganize the police force upon strictly gang lines. "
"Trior to the election of two years ago, when Joe Shannon and his fellow bosses were running James H. Bremermann for proceeding attorney, one of the Shannons beasted that il was their intention to rou. Ed Findley, the boss gambler, out of Kansas City as soon as Bremermann obtained the office. "
"It is said that this scheme has been revived and that as soon as Mr. Lowe takes the office of prosecuting attorney a vigorous attempt will be made to drive Findley out of the city. The public will doubtless learn something of interest concerning the workings of the gang that is in control of the machinery of Kansas City and Jackson county when the Shannons begin driving Findley out of town."

Was a Splendid Jury.

Was a Splendid Jury. The grand jury that finished its labors yesterday was regarded as one of the best that ever investigated the criminal affairs of Jackson county. It was composed of men who understood the oath frey took and who did not attempt to shirk the responsibility of the position n which they were placed. Public sentiment had demanded just such a jury as the one that had been impaneled and its dist week's work spread consternation among the "gang." It soon became evident that there would be no compromise with crime, or with criminals, and there was a great deal of dodsing on all sides. The jury began its work by going to the root of the gambling evil. Witnesses were produced who testified to the openness with which gambling had been conducted. A factional fight The grand jury that finished its labors